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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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CONTINUATION GROUND TRAINING PROGRAM

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1. **PURPOSE:** To establish the requirements for continuation ground training and to outline the subject coverage.
2. **SCOPE:** The provisions of this SOP are applicable to all personnel involved in scheduling, conducting or attending ground training sessions.
3. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The Director of Operations is responsible for insuring adherence to this SOP.

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5. **PROCEDURES:**

- A. The continuation ground training program will be scheduled on a weekly basis to insure continuity of training effort.
- B. Approximately two hours per week of formal ground training will be scheduled by the Director of Operations. The time and subject matter will be published in advance.
- C. The Director of Operations will maintain a record of subject matter covered and attendance.

6. **SUBJECTS:** Following is a breakdown of subjects listed by general category. Time devoted to each subject will be based on date of previous coverage and applicability of subject at the time.

A. **Aircraft:**

- (1) Aircrew duties, normal and emergency procedures to include programmed self-study periods and flying safety.
- (2) Aircraft and Systems operations, capabilities and limitations.

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- (3) Abort criteria.
- (4) Pre-flight, Post-flight, ground handling and servicing procedures to include alternate recovery procedures.

F. Life Support

- (1) Six month training requirements.

- A. Ejection procedures

- 1. Automatic sequence
 - 2. Manual sequence

- B. Ground Escape (over the side)

- C. Aircraft disconnect to suit systems

- D. Suit doffing

- (2) Annual Training Requirements

- A. Survival equipment usage to include, emergency radios, mirror, flares, emergency beacon, and gun

- B. Parachute descend procedures; to include tree lowering device

- C. Rescue availability, to include equipment and techniques used by SAR forces

- D. Fitting, use and care of life support equipment used on low and high flights.

- E. Pilot extraction

- F. Water training

- 1. Preparation to water entry

- 2. Canopy & line entanglement

- 3. Raft procedures (entry & repair)

G. Physiological Training:

- (1) Physiological effects of high altitude flying, bailout and ejection, hypoxia, hyperventilation, vertigo, bends and explosive decompression.

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D. Intelligence:

- (1) Escape and evasion techniques, cover story and resistance to interrogation.
- (2) Enemy AOB/MOB, weapons capability, characteristics and principle recognition features.
- (3) Hostile and friendly air defense capabilities, limitations and mechanics of operations.
- (4) Methods and procedures for destroying aircraft and classified equipment, if forced down over denied territory.

E. Tactics/Defensive Systems:

- (1) Operations, capabilities, and limitations of installed defensive equipment.
- (2) Tactics to be employed in conjunction with defensive systems activity, or visual sightings of hostile aircraft and/or missiles.

F. Navigation:

- (1) Flight planning methods and techniques as they pertain specifically to accurate flight line following.
- (2) Mission critiques.

G. Weather.

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